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1. WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT AND I PERSONALLY REGRET THAT YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE PRECLUDES YOUR EXTENDING YOUR STAY IN THE USSR. YOUR SOVIET HOSTS, TOO, REGRET THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE MOST EAGER TO ENSURE THAT YOUR STAY WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AND ENJOYABLE , BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND CULTURALLY, AND THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO FILL YOUR TIME AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE IN THE SHORTENED TIME FRAME. MINISTER PETROVSKIY, OF COURSE, IS VERY CONCERNED THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE GOOD PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF YOUR INTEREST IN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF SOVIET LIFE, I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT TIME BE ALLOCATED TO GAINING AN IMPRESSION OF SOVIET AND RUSSIAN SOCIETY, PAST AND PRESENT. MY EXPERIENCE WITH HIGH-LEVEL VISITS SUCH AS YOURS SHOWS THAT IT IS USUALLY NOT WISE TO SCHEDULE MORE THAN ONE SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN THE MORNING AND ONE IN THE AFTERNOON (AT MOST TWO). NOT TO MENTION THE RIRING PHYSICAL RESULT, ANY MORE HETIC SCHEDULING RESULTS IN EVERYTHING

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BECOMING A BLUR AFTER ABOUT THE THIRD DAY AND THE BENEFITS

OF THE MEETINGS ARE LOST. THE VISIT TO THE SEMASHKO INSTITUTE, I BELIEVE, IS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, COMPARED WITH THE OTHER VISITS SCHEDULED (REF D), AND I WOULD SUGGEST INVITING A FEW OFFICIALS FROM THERE TO YOUR RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE FOR BRIEF CONVERSATION. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO OFFICIALS FROM A FEW OTHER INSTITUTES THAT SHORTAGE OF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT YOU TO VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FIRST MEDICAL INSTITUTE (MOSCOW) IS ACTUALLY THE "PARENT" INSTITUTE OF PETROVSKIY'S ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY, AND PETROVSKIY HIMSELF (ACCORDING TO MINHEALTH OFFICIALS) WOULD PREFER THAT YOU VISIT THE MEDICAL INSTITUTE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF YOUR BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD.

2. RE PARA 5(A) OF REF B, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU EXTEND YOUR STAY BY 24 HOURS. THIS WOULD RESULT IN A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OF YOUR PROGRAM AND IN A FAR LESS TIRING VISIT (SEE BELOW). THERE IS A BEA FLIGHT (673) DEPARTING MOSCOW FOR LONDON AT 17:25 HOURS MOSCOW TIME, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

3. IN VIEW OF REFS E AND F, IT IS ASSUMED YOUR PARTY WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW AT 19:20 HOURS VIA LO-231 FROM WARSAW. PLEASE VERIFY.

4. RE REF G, REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE AT MINHEALTH AND WILL BE SUPPORTED THROUGH SEPARATE DEMARCH AT MFA FOR YOUR CALL ON BREZHNEV. NORMALLY, ONLY VERY SHORT NOTICE IS GIVEN ON WHETHER SUCH MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT A RESPONSE UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

5. LADIES' PROGRAM IS STILL IN PREPARATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MINHEALTH IF SOME INDICATION COULD BE GIVEN BY YOU ABOUT WHICH OF THE SCHEDULED VISITS FOR ENTIRE PARTY (REF D) WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO MRS. WEINGERGER AND MRS. EDWARDS. WE HAVE SUGGESTED VISITS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, NURSERY SCHOOL, AND ATTENDANCE AT ENGLISH CLASS OF MIDDLE- SCHOOL.

6. RE PRESS: RATHER THAN HAVE TWO PRESS CONFERENCES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESS BE INVITED TO YOUR BRIEF SPEECH AND PROFESSIONAL QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLEAGUES AT ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES. PRESS, HOWEVER, WOULD ONLY COVER EVENT IF INTERESTED AND WOULD NOT POSE QUESTIONS. BY YOUR STAYING EXTRA 24 HOURS, TIME IS AVAILABLE FOR FULL PRESS CONFERENCE (SOVIET AND US CORRESPONDENTS) AFTER FINAL MEETING AT MINHEALTH MORNING OF SEPT 7. PETROVSKIY WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE, AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE TV COVERAGE. BY FALLING AT END OF YOUR STAY, YOU WILL BE IN MUCH MORE

FAVORABLE POSITION TO DISCUSS YOUR VISIT AND STATE YOUR IMPRESSIONS. VOA WILL PROBABLY ALSO COVER. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU.

7. RE PROGRAM: BECAUSE OF THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS PRESENTED BY YEREVAN-ALMA ATA VISIT, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE PRACTICAL AND INTERESTING TO ENGAGE IN FOLLOWING PROGRAM. MINHEALTH IS LOOKING INTO TRANSPORTATION POSSIBILITIES AND WILL ADVISE US SHORTLY. PROGRAM AS MENTIONED REF D REMAINS SAME THROUGH SEPT 3.

SEPT 4 - FLY TO TASHKENT. VISIT UZBEK MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN MORNING AND SEE SIGHTS IN AFTERNOON;

SEPT 5 - VISIT SAMARKAND AND BUKHARA;

SEPT 6 - RETURN TO MOSCOW. VISIT MADAME KOMAROVA AT RSFSR MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SCEURITY.

SEPT 7 - FINAL MEETING AT MINHEALTH, PRESS CONFERENCE, ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN MORNING. FLY TO LONDON IN LATE AFTERNOON.

THIS VARIANT PROVIDES FULL NIGHT OF REST IN TASHKENT AND HAS ADVANTAGE OF SEEING CENTRAL ASIAN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS THAT OFFER GREAT CONTRAST TO THOSE RUSSIAN MONUMENTS YOU WILL VISIT IN MOSCOW, VLADIMIR, AND SUZDAL. YEREVAN AND ALMA-ATA DO NOT OFFER SUCH STRIKING CONTRAST. (ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD FLY TO YEREVAN SEPT 4 FOR PROFESSIONAL VISITS, RESERVING SEPT 5 FOR VISIT TO LAKE SEVAN AS MENTIONED PARA 4 OF REF D. ALMA-ATA WOULD BE OMMITTED.) PLEASE ADVISE.
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